

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 20, 2007, the Examiner rejects claims 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 16-21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,958,008 (“Pogrebisky”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,151,624 (“Teare”). Additionally, the Examiner rejects claims 5, 7, 9, 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being obvious over Pogrebisky in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art (“AAPA”) and further in view of Teare.

Claims 4 through 21 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 1, 10 and 14 being independent claims. By way of the present Response, Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 10 and 14 and cancel claims 17 and 18. No new matter has been added and the amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 through 16 and 19 through 21.

Independent claim 4 of the present application is directed towards a system for providing a user with at least one response to a search query of the Internet. The system comprises a user interface for receiving a search query from a user, wherein the search query includes geographic criteria for filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city. A web page record database is connected to the user interface, where the web page record database includes a plurality of web page records, in which the plurality of web page records includes a response to the search query. The system further comprises a search engine module connected to both the user interface and the web page record database for searching the web page record database for the response, as well as an entity information database, which includes information about individuals or organizations that maintain ownership over one or more web page records. A mapping database is connected to the

web page record database and the entity information database, where the mapping database includes information for mapping the web page records with respective individuals or organizations. Independent claim 10 is substantially similar to independent claim 4, but is cast a method for providing a user with at least one response to a search query of the Internet. Additionally, independent claim 14 is amended to recite similar variants thereof.

Pogrebisky discusses systems and methods for managing, analyzing, and testing the operation of web sites, intranet sites, and other hypertextual-content sites on a computer network. (Pogrebisky, Col. 1, lines 15-21). Specifically, a mapping component scans a website over a network connection and graphically builds a site map depicting URLs and links of the Web site. (Pogrebisky, Abstract, lines 4-6). Pogrebisky discusses supplying a Web site's homepage address to a software package referred to as Astra Site Manager Web site analysis tool ("Astra"), which crawls and scans a website and creates a graphical site map to show all the URLs of the website and the links between these URLs. (Pogrebisky, Col. 7, lines 47-57). Teare discusses associating metadata with network resources and locating the network resources in a language-independent manner, where the metadata associated with network resources are registered by owners in a registry, in which a copy of the metadata is stored on a server. (Teare, Abstract, lines 1-11)

Contrary to claim 4, Pogrebisky does not teach or suggest a search query that includes geographic criteria for filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city. Although Pogrebisky discusses a filter bar containing a variety of filter buttons for filtering the site map (Col. 16, lines 8-9), the filter bar fails to teach or suggest a search query that "includes geographic criteria for filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city". The filter bar discussed in

Pogrebisky includes a content/service filter button, a status filter button and a location filter button. (Pogrebisky, Col. 16, lines 12-14). The corresponding content/service filter is used to filter URLs with specific content or service types, the corresponding status filter is used to filter URLs with a specific status, and the corresponding location filter is used to filter local URLs and external URLs associated with the website's homepage. (Pogrebisky, Col. 16, lines 12-26). At best, Pogrebisky discusses filtering non-geographic criteria specific to the site map generated by supplying a Web site's homepage address. Thus, Pogrebisky is silent with regards to a user interface filtering URLs based on geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city.

Furthermore, Teare fails to cure the shortcomings of Pogrebisky, as Teare fails to teach or suggest the search query that includes geographic criteria for filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city. At best, Teare discusses metadata associated with network resources, in which the metadata is expressed in a natural language registered by a client and stored on a server. (Teare, Col. 9, lines 5-13). Teare is silent with regards to filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city.

Thus, neither Pogrebisky nor Teare, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest that "the search query includes geographic criteria for filtering at least one URL based on the geographic criteria, in which the geographic criteria is a city" as recited in independent claims 4, 10 and 14. Accordingly, Applicants assert that amended claims 4, 10 and 14 are allowable and respectfully request allowance regarding the same.

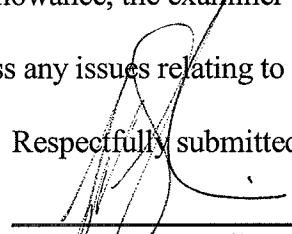
The dependent claims of the present application contain additional features that further substantially distinguish the invention of the present application over the prior art of

record. Given the Applicants' position on the patentability of the independent claims, however, it is not deemed necessary at this point to delineate such distinctions.

For at least all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

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